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10 Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

1. I have received "Notice of Patent Expiration" regarding above patent dated 03/22/10. The reason was payment of the maintenance fee has not been received timely prior to the end of the six-month grace period (ending 02/21/10).
- 15 2. I believe this is a Patent and Trademark Office's mistake. I've paid the payment on Nov 2nd, 2009. Enclosed are the evidences:
 - a. The original credit payment form submitted 11/02/2009
 - b. The received confirmation fax from USPTO 11/2/2009 12:28:05 PM
 - 20 c. My credit card statement showing charge by USPTO of \$555 at 11/03/2009
3. A credit card payment form of \$200 of this petition is also attached.
4. Since this expiration is due to the fault of Patent and Trademark Office, it is requested that the above patent to be reinstated as normal maintenance. I also request refund of \$200 process fee of this petition.

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Very respectfully,



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